

REMARKS

With respect to the Final Office Action dated May 5, 2005, Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 5 and 21-23 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. However, claims 1, 6, 7, 10, 12, 13 and 15-18 were rejected under U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,727,940 ("Oka et al."). Furthermore, claims 2-4, 11, 14 and 19 were rejected under U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable in view of Oka et al. and/or U.S. Patent No. 6,317,127 ("Daily et al.").

In response to Applicant's reply to the previous Office Action, the latest Office Action states that "it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., transmitting the sensed image which includes all the required images is transmitted to all of the clients.) are not recited in the rejected claim(s)." Therefore, the Examiner has kindly recommended that the limitation of "the sensed image which includes all the required images is transmitted to all of the clients" be added to the claims to better define the limitation.

In response, Applicant has amended the independent claims 1, 10, 13 and 15 to reflect as much as possible the recommended language of the Examiner. Specifically, the limitation of "*the sensed image including all subimages available for transmission to the remote site(s)*" has been added to the independent claims 1, 10, 13 and 15 to more clearly distinguish the claimed invention from the cited references. As amended, Applicant respectfully asserts that the independent claims 1, 10, 13 and 15 are now in condition for allowance.

With respect to the dependent claims 2-7, 11, 12, 14, 16-19 and 21-23, these dependent claims depend on one of the amended independent claims 1, 10, 13 and 15. As such, these dependent claims include all the limitations of their respective base claims. Therefore, Applicant submits that these dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons as their respective base claims.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the claim amendments and the remarks made herein. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited.

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